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Yugoslav Unrest Takes on Anti-Regime Tinge

Student unrest in Belgrade, which began on 2 June, has now engulfed Belgrade University and acquired anti-regime overtones.

Protest meetings, following last Sunday's clash between students and police in Belgrade have concentrated on police brutality, but criticism of the regime has been evident: One sign read, "Down with Red Bourgeoise." In addition, ad hoc student organizations have sprung up throughout the university community and one--the "Action Committee of Demonstrators"--met for six hours with the Serbian Executive Council to present a list of demands. The committee reportedly insisted that the regime: A) solve the problem of social inequality in Yugoslavia including the abolition of all privileges, B) provide more jobs for graduating students, C) democratize all socio-political organizations, and D) improve the material and political conditions of university students.

The seriousness with which the regime regards the situation is reflected by the fact that all top Serbian party and government leaders have attended these protest meetings. Moreover, the Serbian Executive Council has met in emergency session and Belgrade party chief Veljko Vlahovic went on national television to express general approval of student grievances. The regime, however, has made it clear that violence, pressure and a departure from the general communist line will not be tolerated. In an attempt to keep the unrest from spreading to the workers, factory groups --undoubtedly regime sponsored--have condemned the students tactics.

Student demands are getting support from faculty members at Belgrade University which has closed for a week. The entire liberal arts faculty has reportedly resigned and the University Council in announcing its support of student demands has agreed to work with students to seek satisfaction from Serbian authorities. There have also been calls for the firing of the Interior Ministers of Yugoslavia, Serbia and Belgrade.

While there is evidence of real student grievances, the regime's failure to keep in touch with the younger generation and the demonstrations abroad undoubtedly play a role in the

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current unrest. Belgrade has moved quickly to buy the students
off with promises of material concessions, but it is unwilling
and probably unable to give them all they want.

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